

SSB 6439 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 77.70.350 and 1994 c 260 s 10 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The following restrictions apply to vessel designations and
6 substitutions on Dungeness crab-coastal fishery licenses (~~and~~
7 ~~Dungeness crab coastal class B fishery licenses~~):

8 (a) The holder of the license may not:

9 (i) Designate on the license a vessel the hull length of which
10 exceeds ninety-nine feet (~~, nor may the holder~~); or

11 (ii) Change vessel designation if the hull length of the vessel
12 proposed to be designated exceeds the hull length (~~of the currently~~
13 designated vessel) designated on the license on the effective date of
14 this section by more than ten feet. However, if such vessel
15 designation is the result of an emergency transfer, the applicable
16 vessel length would be the most recent permanent vessel designation on
17 the license prior to the effective date of this section;

18 (b) If the hull length of the vessel proposed to be designated is
19 comparable to or exceeds by up to one foot the hull length of the
20 currently designated vessel, the department may change the vessel
21 designation no more than once in any two consecutive Washington state
22 coastal crab seasons unless the currently designated vessel is lost or
23 in disrepair such that it does not safely operate, in which case the
24 department may allow a change in vessel designation;

25 (c) If the hull length of the vessel proposed to be designated
26 exceeds by between one and ten feet the hull length of the
27 (~~currently~~) designated vessel on the effective date of this section,
28 the department may change the vessel designation no more than once (~~in~~
29 ~~any five consecutive Washington state coastal crab seasons~~) on or
30 after the effective date of this section, unless a request is made by

1 the license holder during a Washington state coastal crab season for an
2 emergency change in vessel designation. If such an emergency request
3 is made, the director may allow a temporary change in designation to
4 another vessel, if the hull length of the other vessel does not exceed
5 by more than ten feet the hull length of the currently designated
6 vessel.

7 (2) For the purposes of this section, "hull length" means the
8 length overall of a vessel's hull as shown by (~~United States coast~~
9 ~~guard documentation or~~) marine survey(~~(r)~~) or (~~for vessels that do~~
10 ~~not require United States coast guard documentation,r)~~) by
11 manufacturer's specifications (~~or marine survey~~).

12 (3) By December 31, 2010, the department must, in cooperation with
13 the coastal crab fishing industry, evaluate the effectiveness of this
14 section and, if necessary, recommend any statutory changes to the
15 appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives."

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